

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year 1903.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of
Little Crosby.

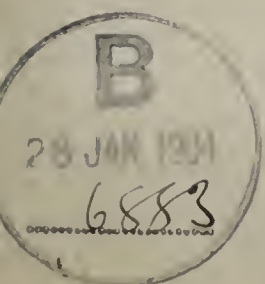
Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report upon the health and sanitary condition of the District during the past twelve months, i.e. for the year 1903.

The Sanitation of the District has received proper, systematic, and regular attention during the year, and this year has been characterised by the insertion of two or three Ventilation Shafts in the Main Sewer, which runs through the village of Little Crosby, and these will lessen to a very great extent the risk of tension in sewer gas and thus prevent the risk of forcing intercepting traps etc. The Yeomanry Camp at Hightown was twice occupied by troops of Volunteers; but nothing of importance occurred so as to jeopardise the health of the surrounding residents.

Early in the year there was another scare of smallpox in Liverpool and I advised re-vaccination. I also received a notice from the County Medical Officer of Health warning me of the outbreak of the disease in several districts and advising vaccination.

During the summer months I advised a printed circular to be sent to householders, recommending the burning of all kitchen refuse instead of throwing the same into ash-pits, as is frequently the custom. A necessary alteration to increase the dimensions of a culvert at Hightown to enable the back-water in the watercourse to escape more freely has been completed. Some repairs have been done to Farm Buildings and



further repairs may with advantage, in my opinion, be undertaken.

I drew attention to the flooded condition of some portions of the district, owing to the unprecedented rainfall, and raised the question "whether something further could not be done to provide against the over-taxings of the water-courses e.g. by causing an increased outflow by means of windmill pumps etc."

A factory for the making of compressed sand bricks has been started at Hightown recently, but I do not consider that will materially affect the health of the inhabitants. The health of the district during the year has been good. Nothing of a serious epidemic nature disturbed its even tenor. For this year I am again pleased to report that no Zymotic disease has been notified in our district. This I claim to be very satisfactory. There have been registered 13 births and 7 deaths during 1903.

As the population is estimated at 578 this gives us a Birth rate of 22.49 per 1,000 and a Death rate of 12.11 per 1,000, of the said population.

Infantile mortality is at the rate of 77.0 per 1,000 births

Deaths from Tuberculosis were nil.

" " Zymotic Diseases were nil.

It is well to note that this makes the ninth year during which no deaths have occurred from Zymotic Disease.

The past year has not been remarkable for anything extraordinary from a public health point of view, and will compare favourably with past years.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Edward Baynton M.D.

Medical Officer of Health.

January, 1904.

